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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patent documents are enclosed.

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

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